Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 28 Oct 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 29 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 27 Oct 2021 at 16:31 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: There is uncertainty in the distribution of rainfall over the coming days, and timings of individual bands of rain are likely to change by several hours. High for unsettled, changeable weather.

Headline for Thursday 28 Oct 2021: Fresh southerly winds bring a mixture of wet weather and brighter spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 28 Oct 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG					
Fog	Fog	Fog	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	40%	50%	30%	30%	50%

Forecast for Thursday 28 Oct 2021

Weather: Clear spells and a few passing showers through the early hours. Then a frost free, bright or sunny start for all ranges. Thicker cloud and moderate to heavy rain will spread eastwards from mid morning to give an hour or two of wet weather for some areas. This will clear from the west through afternoon returning to bright and breezy conditions although hill fog will be a feature. Isolated showers passing through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 30%.

Visibility: Heavy spells of rain may turn lower slopes hazy for a short time, otherwise no issues expected below the cloud base. Patches of cloud above around 700m will become more extensive through morning and descend to 500m at times, especially across Loch Lomond and the Trossachs.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/40 S	31/39 S	26/32 S	24/30 S	25/32 S	26/33 SW	24/30 S	22/28 S	24/30 SE
900	21/29 S	22/29 SW	17/22 S	16/21 S	17/24 S	19/25 SW	16/22 S	14/20 S	15/21 SE
600	26/33 S	26/33 S	19/24 S	17/22 S	18/24 S	21/27 SW	18/24 S	16/21 S	16/21 SE
300	14/22 S	12/20 S	10/16 S	9/14 SE	11/18 S	10/18 SW	9/16 S	8/13 S	8/13 SE
Glen	5/13 SW	8/18 SW	6/13 SW	6/12 S	7/15 S	8/18 SW	6/14 SW	4/9 S	5/10 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-3	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	2/-3	2/-3
900	6/1	6/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	6/2	5/1	5/1	5/0
600	9/5	9/4	8/5	9/6	9/6	8/4	8/4	8/5	8/5
300	11/8	11/8	10/8	10/9	11/9	10/8	10/8	9/8	9/7
Glen	12/11	12/11	12/10	12/11	12/11	12/11	11/10	10/10	11/10
Freezing Level*	1800m	1900m	1600m	1600m	1900m	1800m	1700m	1700m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for poor visibility conditions above modest heights. Best conditions towards Glen Coe and the Nevis range.

Forecast for Friday 29 Oct 2021

Weather: Whilst there is some uncertainty in the forecast, the most likely scenario is for rain to spread north across all ranges early in the morning to leave a damp and dull start. Clearer conditions should then spread east from late morning to leave a much improved afternoon and evening. Much lighter winds compared to Thursday.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 10-15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% morning, 80% afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Cloud will thicken and descend to around 400-600m through morning leaving extensively poor visibility across the hills. This will lift and break from the west leaving only patches of cloud above 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around plus 10 Celsius throughout.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits, falling around 1400m through evening.

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